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**EPA Cites CWA Permit Ruling To
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EPA is defending its takeover of greenhouse gas (GHG) permitting in Texas from a lawsuit, with agency lawyers telling an appellate court that is slated to hear the case next week that a recent ruling in a separate case finding EPA can retroactively revoke disposal permits "whenever" it finds harm supports its action in the Lone Star state.

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A key federal appeals court is poised to hear oral arguments next month in suits filed by Texas and the utility industry on EPA's decision to directly write greenhouse gas (GHG) permits in the state after Texas refused to adopt the agency's GHG permitting program, with critics claiming EPA exceeded its authority for the permit takeover.

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EPA is extending until November its congressionally directed study of the risks to drinking water posed by hydraulic fracturing, putting the effort on a similar track as a related agency inquiry into alleged fracking contamination in Wyoming though the extension may raise doubts over whether EPA can finish the broad study in 2014 as planned.

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EPA's plan to issue a rule discounting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from biomass sources could set a precedent for whether regulators must base air permit limits solely on emissions from facility smokestacks or can, for the first time, consider factors that occur outside a facility fenceline, such as sequestration of GHGs when biomass regrows.

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EPA Weighs Guidance To Help States Assess Pesticides' Role In Bee Kills

EPA is reviewing draft guidance intended to help state regulators determine whether pesticides are responsible for specific incidents of bee kills, recommendations which could increase state investigations of bee deaths and provide EPA with needed data on the role of pesticides in bee deaths

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